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SUBJECT: POSTAL NEGOTIATIONS MOVE TO CONCILIATION

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1. THE CANADIAN UNION OF POSTAL WORKERS AND THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO REACH AN AGREEMENT IN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING NEGOTIATIONS OVER THE RENEWAL OF THEIR CONTRACT WHICH EXPIRED JUNE 30, 1977. BOTH MANAGEMENT AND UNION HAVE AGREED TO SUBMIT THEIR POSITIONS TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE STAFF RELATIONS BOARD (PSSRB) FOR CONCILIATION. THE PSSRB IS EXPECTED TO SELECT A CHAIRMAN OF A THREE-MAN CONCILIATION BOARD SOMETIME EARLY FEBRUARY 1978. THE CONCILIATION BOARD WILL THEN REVIEW THE BRIEFS FROM BOTH UNION AND MANAGEMENT, AND THEN SUBMIT ITS RECOMMENDATIONS. UNION SPOKESMEN BELIEVE THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS WILL NOT BE FORTHCOMING UNTIL APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH FROM THE INITIATION OF THE CONCILIATION BOARD'S REVIEW. UPON SUBMISSION OF THE CONCILIATORS' RECOMMENDATION THE UNION AND MANAGEMENT HAVE SEVEN DAYS TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE RECOMMENDATIONS. AT THIS POINT, THE UNION WILL BE IN A LEGAL POSITION TO STRIKE OR RESUME DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS.

2. COMMENT: WHILE NOT PART OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, THE UNION
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WANTS THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT TRANSFORMED INTO A CROWN CORPORATION, A POSITION NOT SHARED BY THE POSTMASTER GENERAL. UNDOUBTEDLY, OPPOSING POSITIONS ON THIS FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE HAVE AFFECTED CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WHICH MAY EVENTUALLY MOVE THE ENTIRE PACKAGE TO THE PARLIAMENT FOR A FINAL DETERMINATION. ENDERS

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